Marked-Up Version of the Amended Claims

13. (Amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of enabling a filter prior to said step of receiving said answer tone, wherein said step of preventing uses said filter to prevent said answer tone from reaching said first gateway device.

16. (Amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising the steps of:

enabling a fast tone detector prior to said step of receiving said answer tone;

detecting said answer tone using said fast tone detector; and

enabling a filter in response to said detecting step;

wherein said step of preventing uses said filter to prevent said answer tone from reaching said first gateway device.

29. (Amended) A computer program product for use in communication over a network, said network having a first gateway device and a second gateway device capable of communicating with each other using a packet protocol, said second gateway device capable of communicating with a communication device over a telephone line, said computer program product comprising:

code for receiving a call request by said second gateway device from said first gateway device for said communication device;

code for placing a call by said second gateway device to said communication device over said telephone line;

code for receiving an answer tone from said communication device; and

code for preventing said answer tone from reaching said first gateway device.

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Clean Version of the Amended and New Claims

13. (Amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of enabling a filter prior to said step of receiving said answer tone, wherein said step of preventing uses said filter to prevent said answer tone from reaching said first gateway device.

16. (Amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising the steps of:

enabling a fast tone detector prior to said step of receiving said answer tone;

detecting said answer tone using said fast tone detector; and

enabling a filter in response to said detecting step;

wherein said step of preventing uses said filter to prevent said answer tone from reaching said first gateway device.

29. (Amended) A computer program product for use in communication over a network, said network having a first gateway device and a second gateway device capable of communicating with each other using a packet protocol, said second gateway device capable of communicating with a communication device over a telephone line, said computer program product comprising:

code for receiving a call request by said second gateway device from said first gateway device for said communication device;

code for placing a call by said second gateway device to said communication device over said telephone line;

code for receiving an answer tone from said communication device; and

code for preventing said answer tone from reaching said first gateway device.

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39. (New) A first gateway device capable of communicating with a second gateway device over a packet network, said first gateway device further capable of communicating with a communication device over a communication line, said first gateway device comprising:

a receiver configured to receive a call request over said packet network from said second gateway device for said communication device;

a call module configured to place a call to said communication device over said communication line; and

a filter configured to prevent a tone from reaching said second gateway device over said packet network, wherein said tone is generated by said communication device in response to said call.

40. (New) The first gateway device of claim 39, wherein said tone is an answer tone.

41. (New) The first gateway device of claim 39, wherein said communication device is a modem device.

42. (New) The first gateway device of claim 39, wherein said communication device is a facsimile device.

43. (New) The first gateway device of claim 39, wherein said filter is enabled for a pre-determined period of time after said call module places said call.

44. (New) The first gateway device of claim 39, wherein said filter is a notch filter centered around 2100Hz.

45. (New) The first gateway device of claim 39 further comprising a tone detector configured to detect said tone, wherein said tone detector enables said filter upon detection of said tone.

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46. (New) The first gateway device of claim 45, wherein said tone detector is enabled for a pre-determined period of time after said call module places said call.